

Liturgy = work for the people: our most important job as Christians is to worship God in Mass/prayer.

Worshiping God = our reason for being created!

To praise God, we need to know Him. For this reason,

throughout the course of each year,

our readings at Mass recall the whole mystery of Christ.

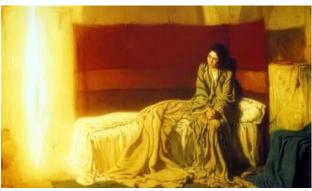


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Advent

- Preparation for Christmas
 - Preparing for Christ's Coming
 - Past: The Birth of Christ
 - Present: His coming right now in us
 - Future: His Coming at the end of time
- 3 Key Images
 - John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord"
 - Mary: especially the Annunciation and Visitation

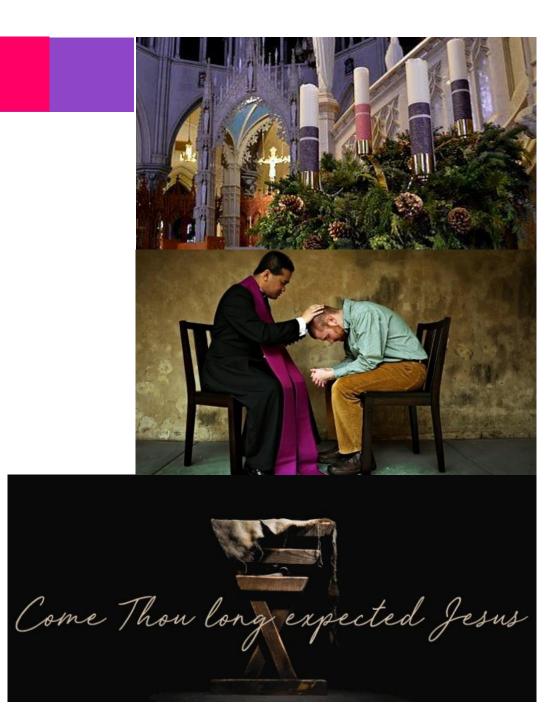






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- Advent Wreath and Colors (Gaudete)
- How to "prepare"?
 - "Waiting" / Longing for Christ by spending time in prayer, especially with Mass readings
 - John the Baptist: Reconciliation
 - Key: how can you let Christ be BORN in you?





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CHRISTMAS SEASON

• How many days does Christmas last?



Christmas SEASON

- How many days does Christmas last? More than two weeks!
- Includes these feasts:
 - Nativity
 - Holy Family Sunday
 - Epiphany Sunday
 - Three Kings
 - Baptism of Christ
 - Wedding at Cana
 - Baptism of the Lord Sunday
- Color: White why?



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Ordinary Time

- Ordinary comes from Latin for "order" or "orderly"
 - Simply means the days are "ordered" or "numbered in order"
 - Two sections of Ordinary Time: after Christmas and after Easter/Pentecost



ORDINARY **T**IME

• Why do you think the "liturgical" color is green?



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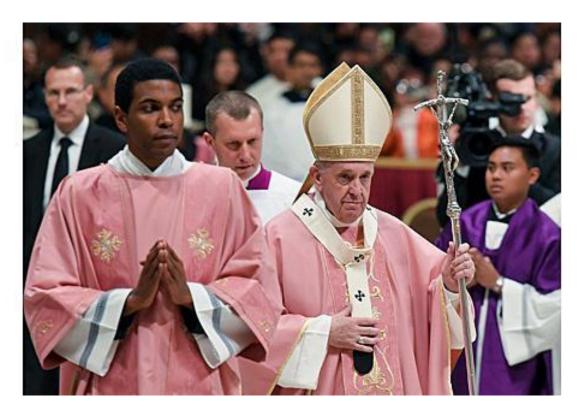
- Time of Preparation for Easter
- Key Image:
 - The Desert name some of the moments when people are in the desert in the Bible.
- Prayer, Almsgiving, and Fasting



LENT

- Why the purple?
- Why the pink?





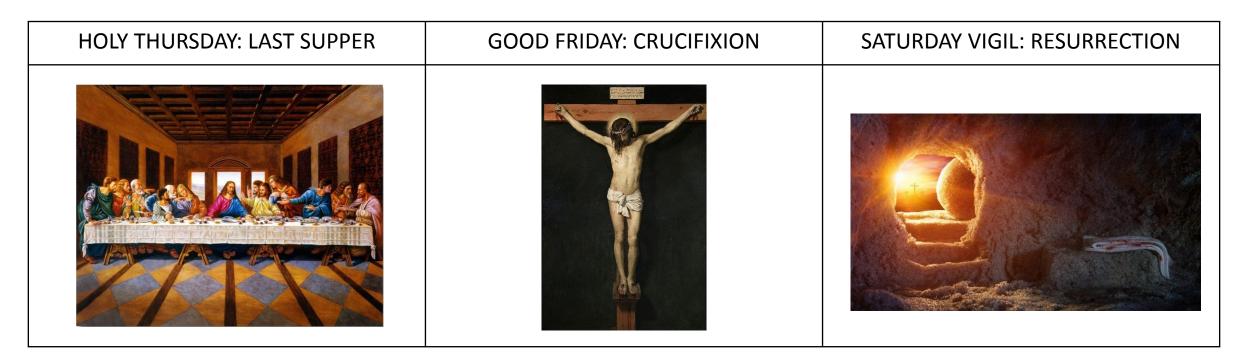
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Something is Missing!

LENT	EASTER
Preparation for Easter	The Resurrection of Christ
Ash Wednesday to beginning of Holy Thursday Mass	From Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday

TRIDUUM

- Triduum the celebration of the Last Supper, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of Christ
 - Highest, most holiest moment of the year
 - Why?



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Easter Season

- Church celebrates Jesus' Resurrection
 - Past: His Literal Resurrection
 - Present: His Resurrection in us now as the Church
 - Future: Day of Judgment when all the faithful will be Resurrected



EASTER SEASON

- Why white?
- Key: Acts of the Apostles
 - Christ LIVING as the Church
 - We are the BODY OF CHRIST: LIVING, BREATHING, SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS IN THE WORLD



EASTER SEASON ENDS WITH PENTECOST

- Pentecost: Spirit descending upon the Church in Upper Room after Jesus' Ascension.
 - Like what Sacrament?
 - What's the purpose of the Sacrament?



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ORDINARY TIME

- Goes until the end of the Church "liturgical year."
- What feast did we just end the year with? Why?



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

- Welcoming into the Church as a "Catechumen" or "candidate"
- Allows church community to pray for you
- Receive Oil of Catechumens

